

# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management

## Texas State Operations Center



### Situation Awareness Brief



Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018  
As of 0900 CST

# Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

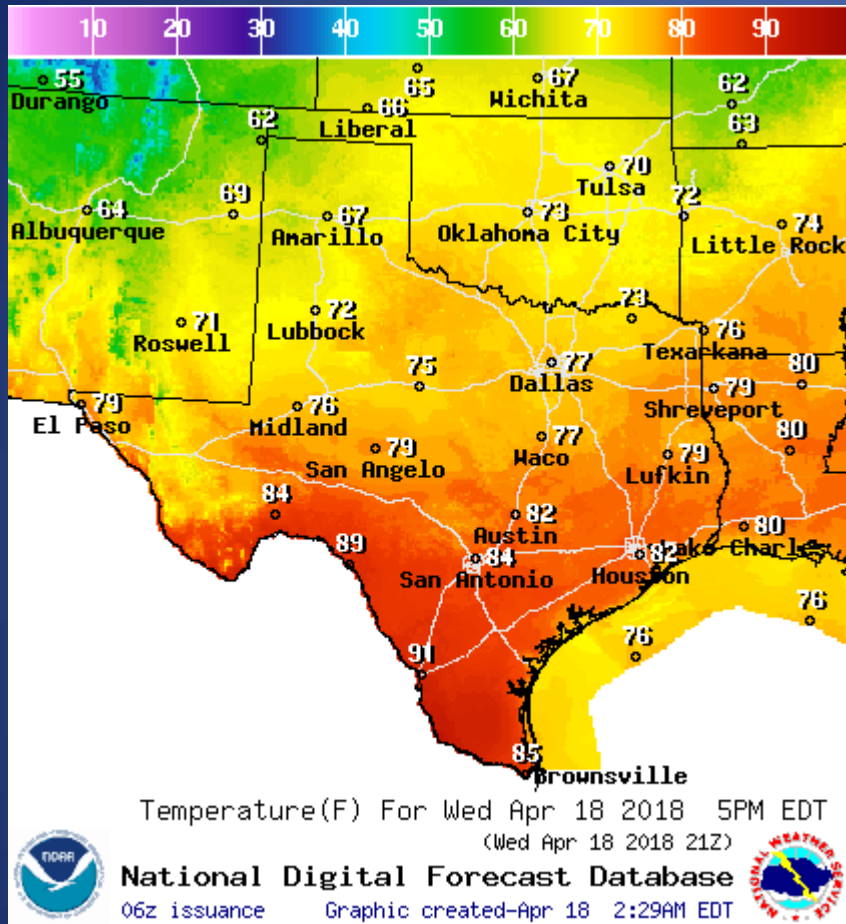
DATE	EVENT / INCIDENT	LOCATION (City/County)	Final Report: Y/N
04/17/18	Final Report of the Walston 16:41 Fire	Mason County	Y
04/17/18	Final Report of the CR 26 Fire	Wheeler County	Y
04/17/18	Initial Report of the McClellan Wildfire	Gray County	N
04/17/18	Final Report of the Carbon Wildfire	Wheeler County	Y
04/17/18	Update Report of the McClellan Wildfire	Gray County	N
04/17/18	Update Report #2 of the McClellan Wildfire	Gray County	N
04/17/18	Initial Report of Pipeline Rupture	Calhoun County	N
04/18/18	Initial Report of a Voluntary Evacuation and Road Closure	Gray County	N
04/18/18	Final Report of an Evacuation	Gray County	Y
04/18/18	Initial Report of the Vandenburg Wildfire	Gray County	N
04/18/18	Initial Report of the McCracken Wildfire	Gray County	N

# Informational Products

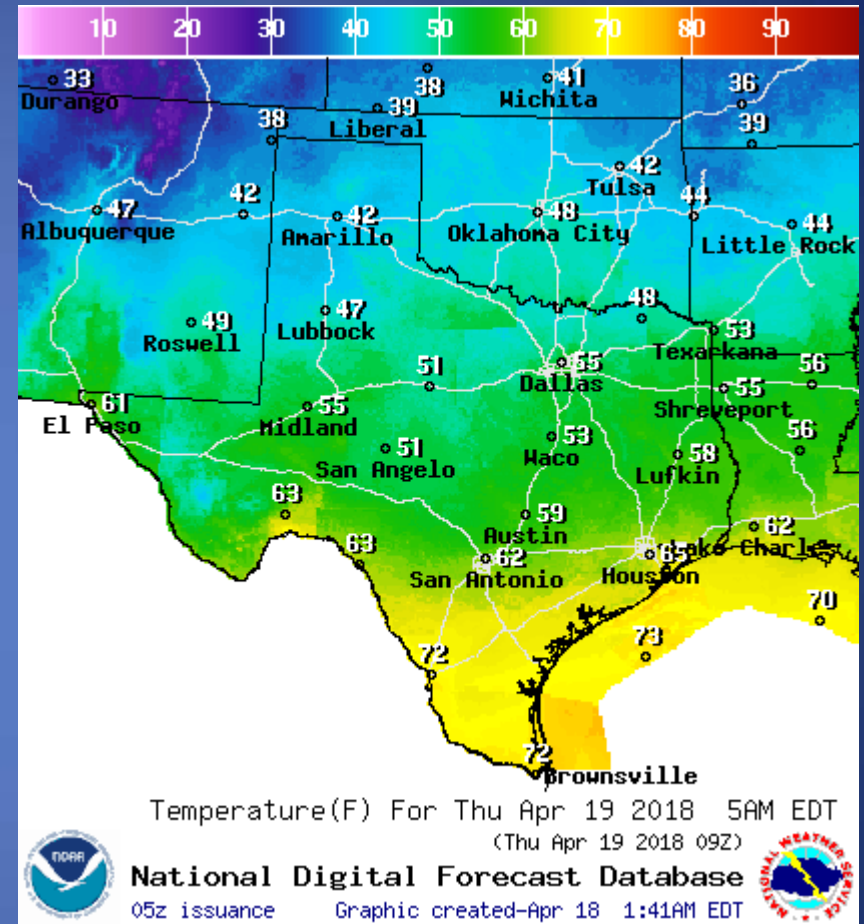
## Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
04/17/18	NWS Midland - Hydrologic Statement for the Rio Grande River
04/17/18	NWS Shreveport LA - Public Information Statement for Thunderstorm Wind and Tornado Damage
04/17/18	Governors Disaster Drought Proclamation
04/17/18	NWS Norman Wildfire Webinar Video Link and Slides
04/17/18	NWS Lake Charles LA - Public Information Statement for Strong Winds in Orange
04/17/18	NWS Southern Region For-The-Record Wildfire Report: WFO San Angelo
04/17/18	NWS Shreveport Preliminary Damage Survey Results for April 13 and April 14, 2018 Tornado/Severe Thunderstorm Events
04/18/18	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Wednesday, April 18, 2018 for FEMA Region 6

# Weather Forecast

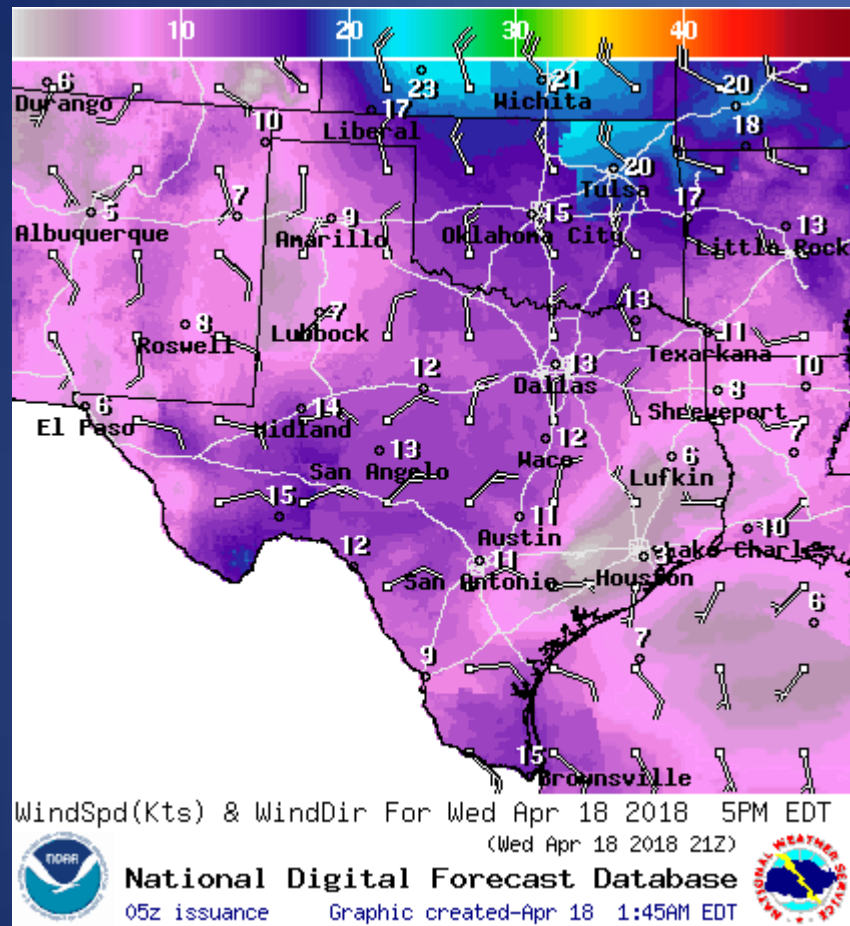


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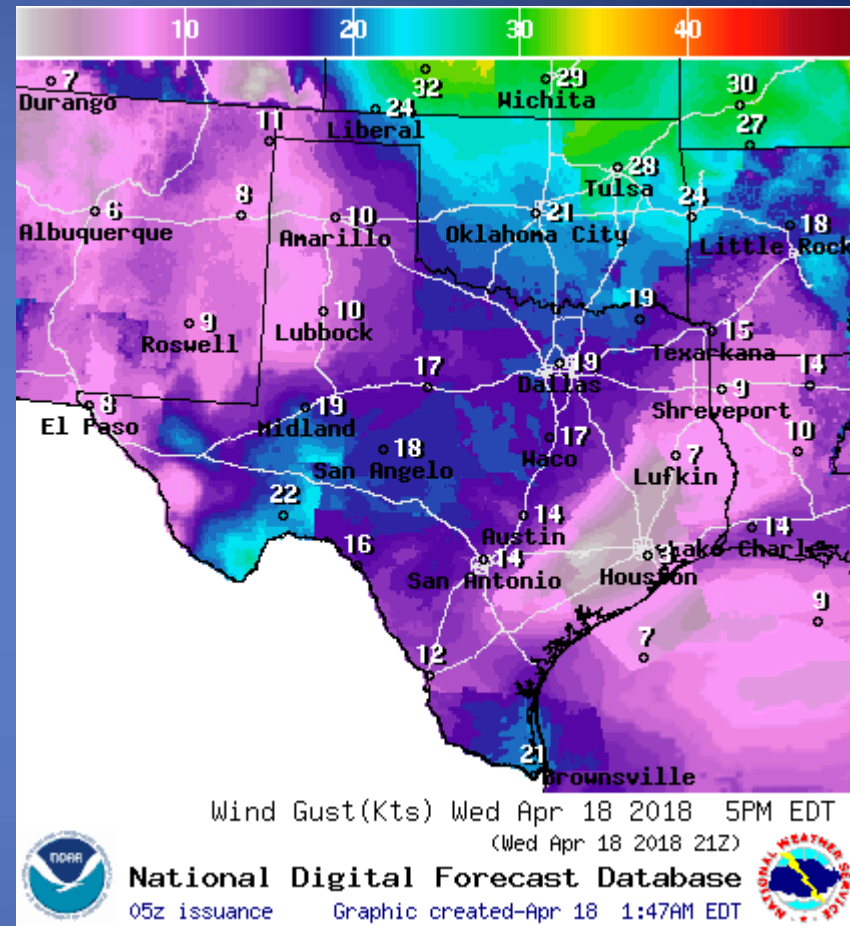


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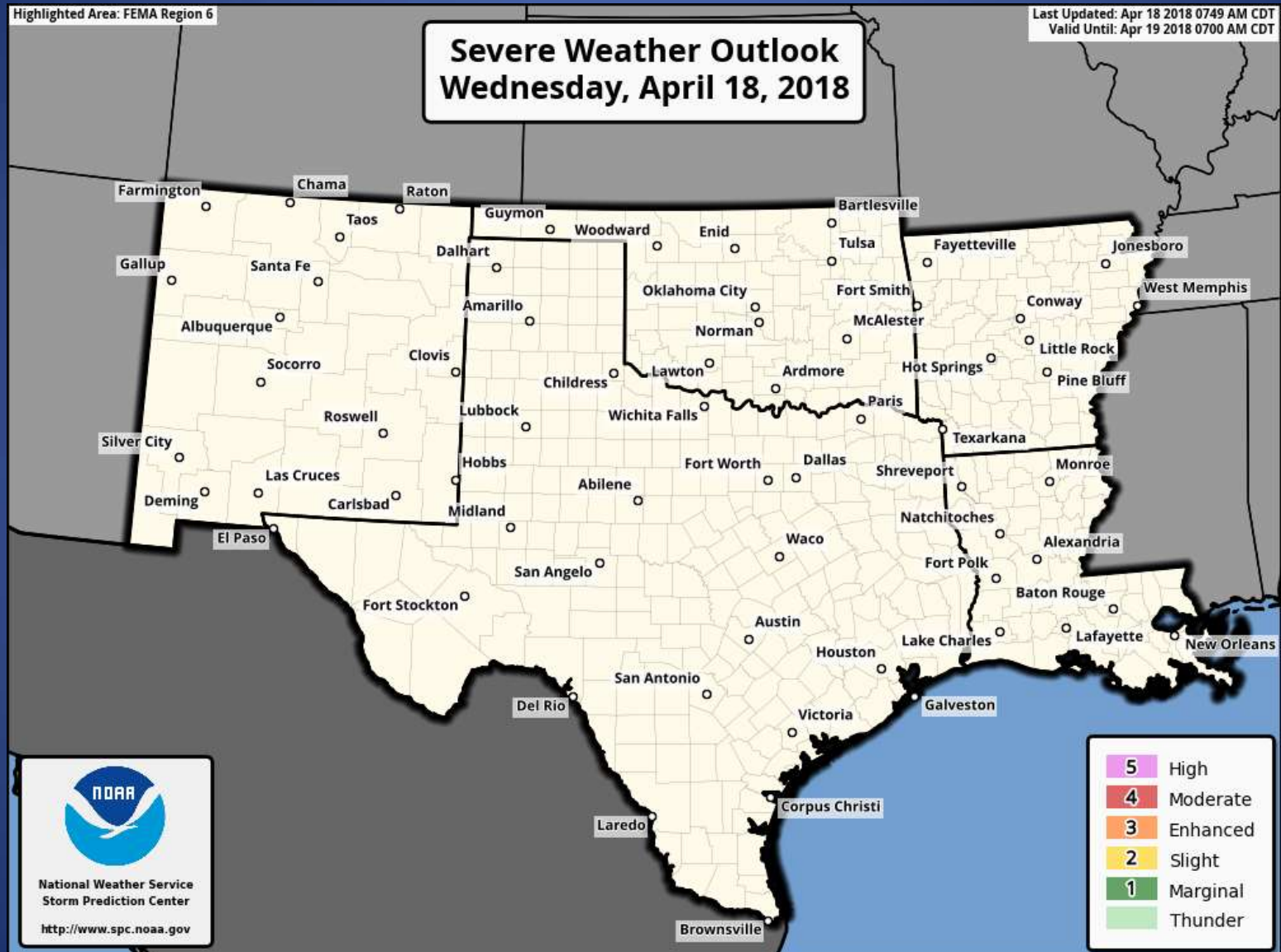
## Wind Speeds



## Gusts



# Hazardous Weather



# Hazardous Weather



**Today**

**ELEVATED TO CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER**

**Amarillo**

- All of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles today.
- Low End Critical Fire Weather Eastern and Central Panhandles. Elevated Fire Weather Western Panhandles.
- Please follow these safety tips to help mitigate wildfires.


**WILDFIRE SAFETY**

- Properly discard cigarettes
- Keep vehicles off of dry grass
- Avoid activities with open flames or sparks
- Power equipment can create sparks
- Obey burn bans
- Evacuate if fire/smoke is heading your way

[weather.gov/fire](http://weather.gov/fire)


**National Weather Service - Amarillo**

Issued: 4/18/2018 4:11 AM


  

Poor overnight relative humidity recoveries along with continued strong northerly winds behind a cold front will result in elevated to critical fire weather conditions across all of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles from 11 AM until 6 PM today. A Red Flag Warning is in effect for low end critical fire weather conditions across the eastern and central portions of the Panhandles mainly along and east of a Guymon to Claude line. A Fire Danger Statement is in effect for elevated fire weather conditions across the western portions of the Panhandles to the west of a Guymon to Claude line. Please stay vigilant.

**Elevated Fire Weather Conditions Today**

 Elevated Fire Weather Conditions

**Fire Prevention Tips:**  
Avoid outdoor welding.  
Check trailer chains.  
Avoid outdoor burning.  
Don't park vehicles on grass



National Weather Service San Angelo, TX Updated: Apr 18 4:10 AM

Elevated fire weather conditions will occur today due to gusty post-frontal northeast winds combining with dry air and dry fuels. Take precautions to avoid setting off any sparks which could start fires.



# Hazardous Weather

## Elevated Fire Weather

Through 6 PM MDT/7 PM CDT today

Weather Forecast Office

Midland/Odessa, TX

Issued April 18, 2018 3:24 AM CT



Relative Humidity:

5 to 13%

Winds:

North 10-30 mph in the morning then shifting to the northeast and east 10-20 mph in the afternoon.

Temperatures:

Near normal.



**Use Caution!** Outdoor burning and activities that cause open sparks or flames are discouraged.

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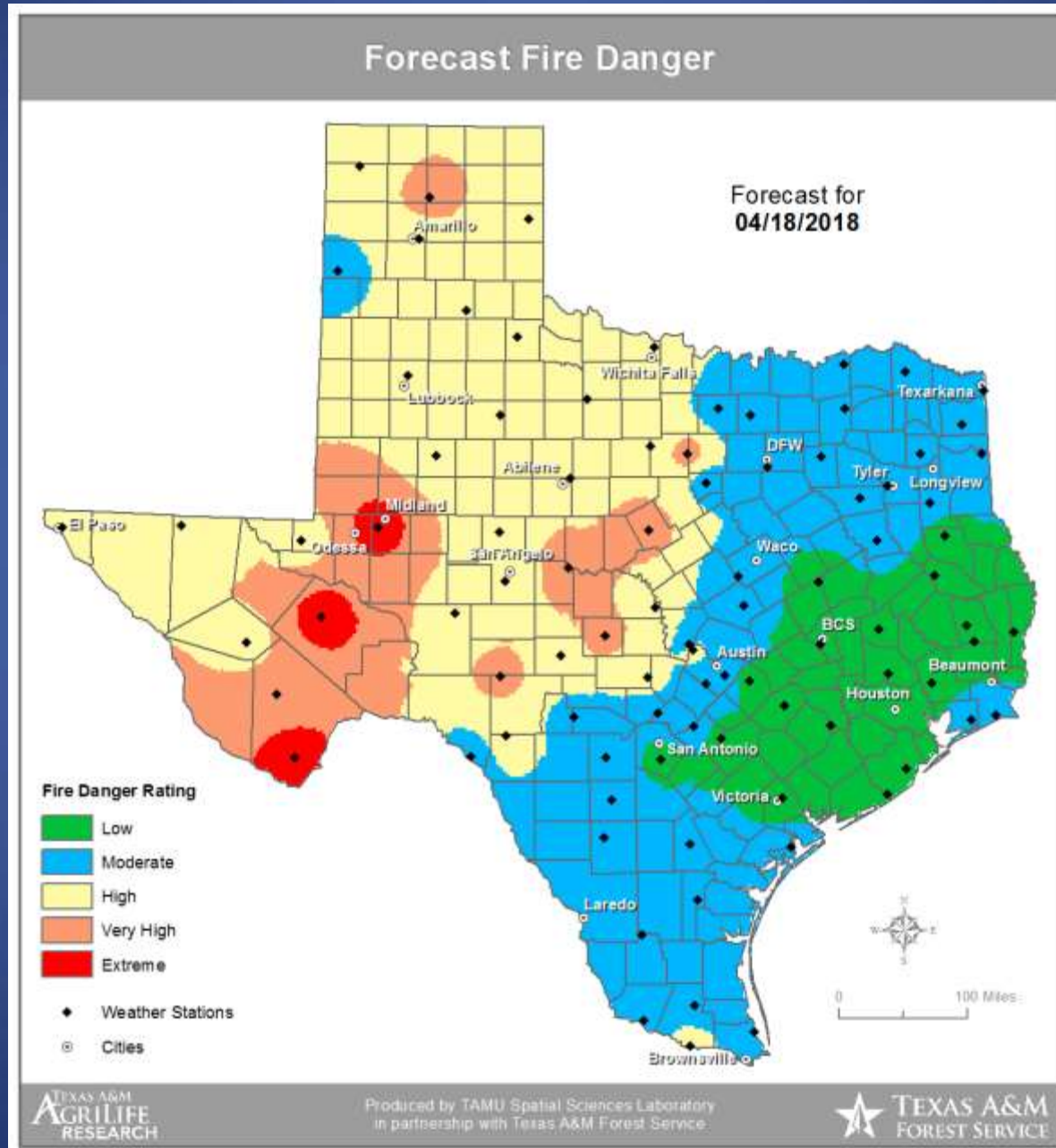
Elevated fire weather conditions are possible areawide this morning and afternoon. Relative humidity values will be very low with gusty winds along a cold front passing through the area this morning.



# Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/17/18	Flood Warning Continues	Sabine River in Newton and Orange Counties

# Fire Danger Forecast



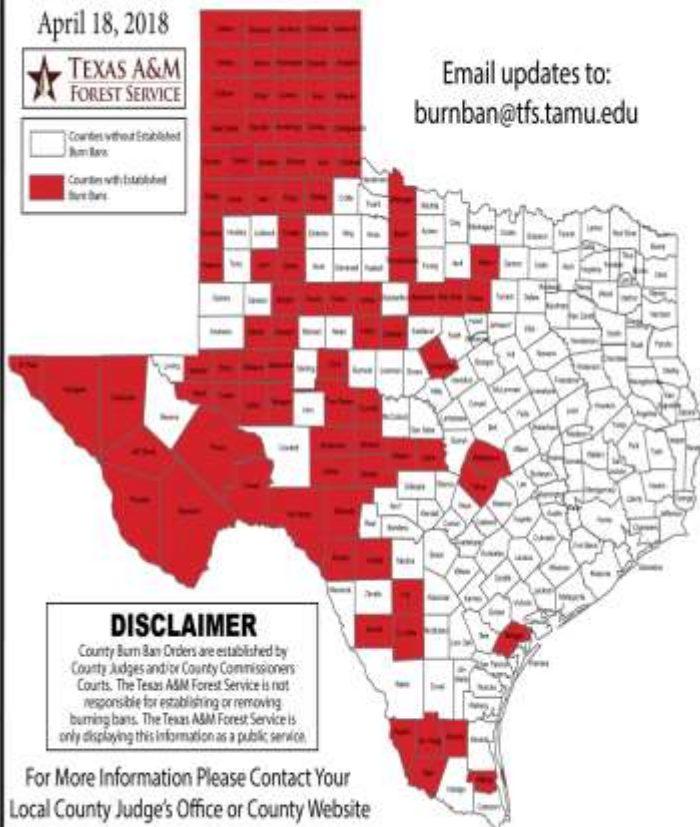
# Burn Bans and KBDI INDEX

## OUTDOOR BURN BANS

April 18, 2018



Email updates to:  
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu



### DISCLAIMER

County Burn Ban Orders are established by County Judges and/or County Commissioners Courts. The Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. The Texas A&M Forest Service is only displaying this information as a public service.

For More Information Please Contact Your  
Local County Judge's Office or County Website

RED FLAG WARNINGS: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)  
Burn Ban RSS feed available at <http://tfsr.tamu.edu/wildfires/BurnBan.xml>

### Counties with Burn Bans: 92

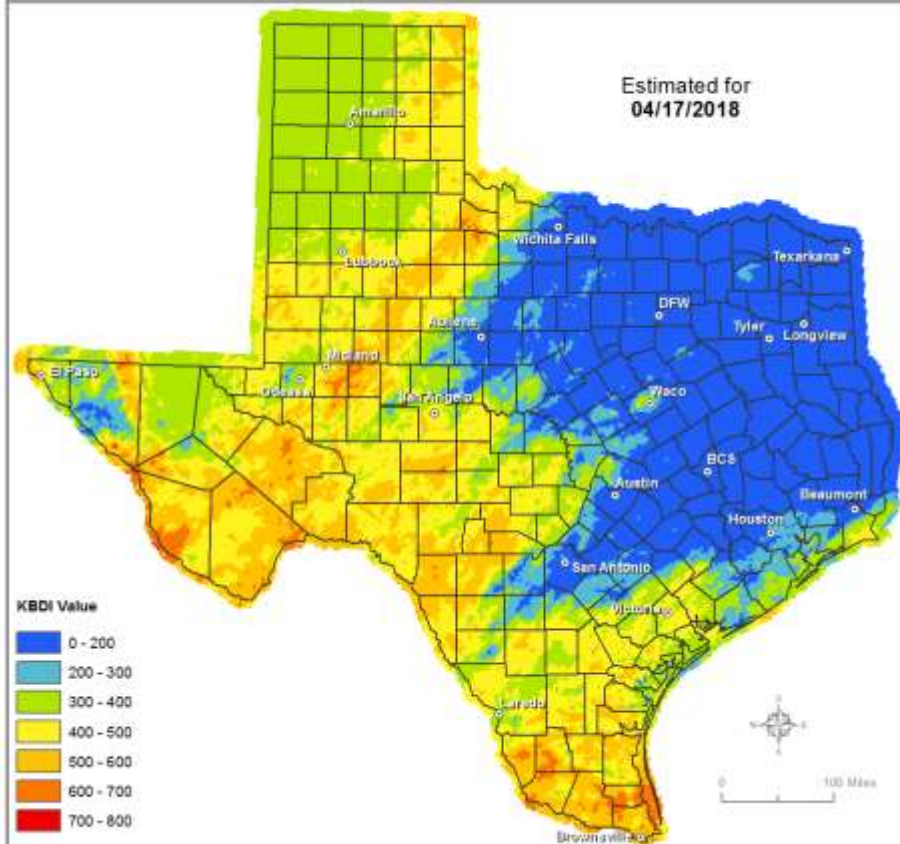
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## Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for  
04/17/2018



### KBDI Value

0 - 200  
200 - 300  
300 - 400  
400 - 500  
500 - 600  
600 - 700  
700 - 800

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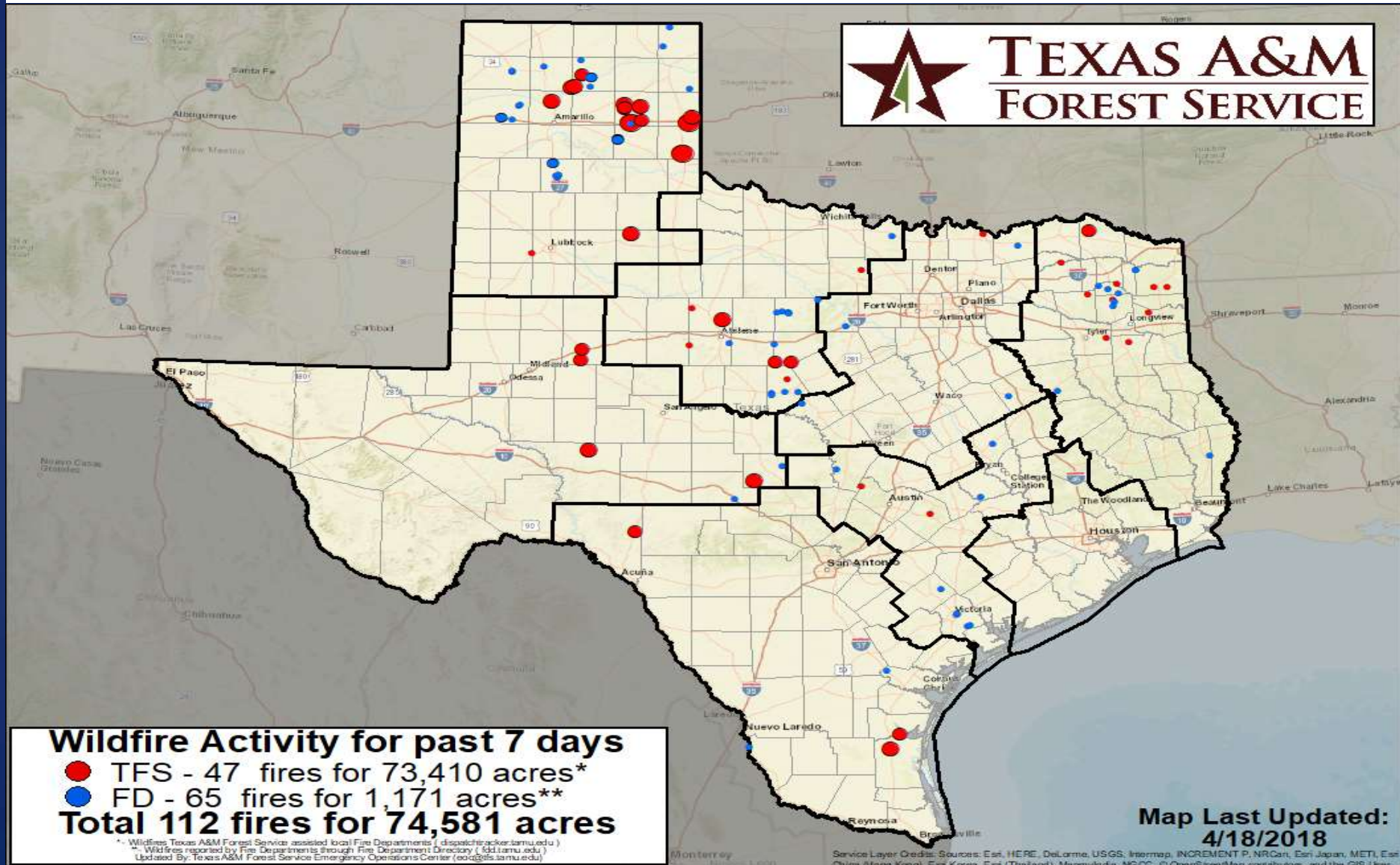


# Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/17/18	Red Flag Warning	Andrews, Borden, Gaines, Dawson, Scurry, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Reeves, Pecos, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Ward, Crane, Upton, Pecos, Terrell Counties
04/18/18	Fire Warning	Gray County
04/18/18	Fire Danger Statement	Andrews, Borden, Briscoe, Childress, Cottle, Crane, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Ector, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Hall, Hartley, Howard, Kent, King, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Reagan, Scurry, Sherman, Stoneman, Swisher, Terrell, Upton, and Winkler Counties
04/18/18	Red Flag Warning	Armstrong, Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler Counties

# Fire Activity (\*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 352 (+4) fires and 153,698 (+2,564) acres destroyed this year. There are 92(+1) counties with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list 91 (+5) counties with an average over 400.



# Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
03/20/18	04/21/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Kyle
04/07/18	04/21/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Yorktown
04/07/18	04/21/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Edinburg
04/14/18	04/21/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Temple
04/17/18	04/18/18	EOC Management and Operations	G-775	Humble
04/17/18	04/19/18	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts (Train the Trainer)	AWR-122-1	Fort Worth
04/17/18	04/19/18	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	G-141	Austin
04/17/18	04/20/18	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	H-503	Frisco
04/18/18	04/18/18	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	T-600.e	Mesquite
04/18/18	04/18/18	ICS - EOC Interface	G-191	Brownsville



# Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
04/18/18	04/18/18	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	ALERT	Laredo
04/18/18	04/19/18	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	G-400	Wichita Falls
04/18/18	04/20/18	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite	PER-229	Granbury

# Exercises

DATE(S)		AGENCY/LOCATION	EXERCISE
04/18/18	04/18/18	Piney Woods Regional Advisory Council TSA-G/ Tyler/Varies	2018 Regional Full-Scale Exercise - Tornado/Severe Storm
04/18/18	04/18/18	Smith County Office of Emergency Management/ Tyler	2018 Full Scale Exercise - Tornado/Severe Storm
04/18/18	04/18/18	TDEM/US Dept of Defense Exercise/ Dallas	Operations-Based: Full-Scale - US DOD Repatriation
04/18/18	04/18/18	Houston Health Department/ Houston	Full-Scale Exercise - HHD Zika Full-Scale Exercise
04/19/18	04/19/18	City of Waxahachie – Emergency Management	Tabletop: Downtown Evacuation
04/19/18	04/19/18	Bureau of Reclamation/Sanford	Tabletop: Sanford Dam Exercise